कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) अनुदानों के दुरुपयोग संबंधी शिकायतों की विभागीय जांच की गई थी तथा इस मामले में अंतिम निर्णय होने तक इन संगठनों को सहायता अनुदान रोक दिया गया है ।

Rehabilitation of scavengers

2578. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have decided to ban dry latrines in the country;

. (b) if so, whether Government have done any survey about the persons who earn their livelihood by scavenging;

(c).if so, what are the details thereof;

what is the number of scavengers in the State of Bihar; and

the manner in which Government propose to rehabilitate these scavengers of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There are no precise estimates about the number of scavengers in the country. However, based on the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation, the Task Force constituted by the Planning Commission in July, 1989, in its Report on 21st March, 1991, has estimated the number of scavengers for the year 1989 as about 4 lakhs. Based on this estimation prepared by the Task Force, the number of scave-ngers in Bihar as in 1989 was 22,389.

(e) A rapid survey to Identify each individual scavengers and his dependents and their aptitude for specified alternative trade and occupations is in progress. It is proposed to rehabilitate the scavengers and their dependents during the 8th Five Year Plan in alternative and dignified trades and occupations through self-employment schemes. The existing training schemes of the Central and State Govt. are being designed for scavengers. The foucs will be of developing/upgrading skills for self-employment. Central assistance is being provided for re-habilitation of the scavengers.

Drug Menace in Orissa

2579. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of drugs is spreading fast into the cities and semi-urban areas o Orissa;

if so, what are the details thereof; and

what remedial steps Govern ment propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFAR (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) an (b) No survey has been conducted 1 know the exact numberof drug addic in the country. However, the problei of drug abuse has become serious : the country "'ncluding in the Sta of Orissa.

(c) The Government throuj the help of voluntery organlsatio has set up Deaddiction, Counsellii and Afterrcare Centres in all tl States affacted by the drug abus(

Rehabilitation centres for dru Addicts in M. P.

2580. SHRI SURESH PACHAURI: Will the Minister of WE FARE be ple?sed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gove ment have decided to set up rehabi tion ecntses for drug addicts, in country;